

American government today ~~has grown from the small, individual rights-oriented government of the founding fathers~~ to a massive, entangled blob of politicians and regulations.

1. The size of government today // biggest government in history
2. The Original intent of the Founders was to create a gov that protects individual rights.
3. Modern government ideologies (socialism)
4. Government growth and the social contract
5. Crises and the growth of government (“Never let a crisis go to waste”)
6. Political economy as a cause of government growth (Hamilton // mercantilism)

**American** Government Today is an immeasurably vast and complex re-distributary and regulatory power which polices the world.

1. Original American government: What was the original American government?
2. Political economy: How did the political economy of the original American government move to what we have today?
3. Socialism: Is the government socialist?
4. Size / debt: How big the government is and how it got there.
5. The World Police Power: How the American government is, and became the world police power.

The American government ~~went from being a small government set on protecting individual rights to being~~ the most powerful government in the history of the world. by expanding political economy during times of social crisis.

- The original government was small, and had the purpose of protecting individual rights
  1. ◦ The founding fathers set up protections against the government becoming too powerful
- However, over time it took upon itself the duty to intervene during social crises,
  2. ◦ Seeds of government growth in the idea that internal improvements are necessary to remain independent
  3. ◦ Brief history of political economy and the crises which sparked the different phases (agrarianism → mercantilism → regulation)
- Leading to the government growing in both physical and economic power.
  4. ◦ The American military is the most powerful in the world
  5. The budget, debt, departments and their effect on the economy

The **American** Government today is powerful and dangerous (*to rights*).

1. The government used to be small and had a working system of checks and balances, therefore being less powerful.
2. The government started to become bigger over time, and therefore more powerful.
3. The government started becoming more corrupt and ergo inclined to grow, and then became more corrupted as it grew.
4. The government became more corrupted because of power and more powerful because of corruption.
5. The government became dangerous due to its power, especially as the world police.
6. The government became dangerous due to its corruption, especially as the world police.
7. The government became dangerous because it became bigger, gargantuan even.

American government today is a **giant blob**. a...

1. Original government (small)
2. The growth of government over time
3. The debt **is gigantic and unprecedented.**
4. Current departments
5. The current state of the government is...